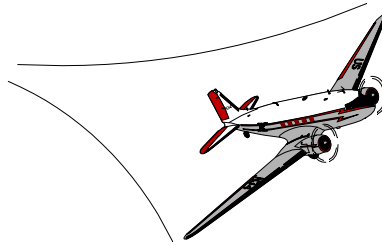


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Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin alerts you, owners and operators of **Centrair model ASW 20F, 101 and 201 series sailplanes**, that the French Civil Aviation Authority (Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile or "DGAC") issued airworthiness directive (AD) No. F-2004-010, dated January 21, 2004, requiring an inspection of the airbrake grip handle for disbonding from its metallic support. The disbonding might lead to difficulties when operating the airbrake.

Note: Centrair model ASW 20F and some variances of the 101 and 201 series gliders are not type certificated in the U.S. This information is included as a courtesy to owners who operate these models in the experimental category.

Background

French AD No. F-2004-010 requires, for sailplanes registered in France, an immediate (before next flight) inspection of the airbrake grip handle bond on its metallic support tube according to the instructions in Centrair Service Bulletins ASW 20F-24, 201-23, and 101-25. These bulletins are available from Centrair at the address and number stated in this notice.

Foreign ADs are not mandatory for U.S. owners/operators. We review all foreign airworthiness information in determining any further FAA action.

We do not consider the identified French AD to be appropriate for mandatory action at this time. However, we do consider the information relevant to the operational safety of these gliders.

Recommendation

We recommend that you review the appropriate service bulletin and immediately implement its instructions.

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